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**REMARKS**

Applicants appreciate the courtesy extended by the Examiner during the phone call dated August 29, 2007.

Claims 1-20 were pending in the present Application. Claims 1, 16, and 19 have been amended and Claim 7 has been cancelled. Claims 1, 16, and 19 now incorporate the limitation of original Claim 7. No new matter has been introduced by way of amendment or addition. Additionally, support for the amendments to Claims 1, 16, and 19 can be found in at least paragraphs [0018] of the Specification as originally filed.

Reconsideration and allowance of the claims are respectfully requested in view of the above amendments and the following remarks.

Claim Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 112

A. Claims 1-3, 5, 7-13, and 16-20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the written description requirement. The last Office Action dated June 6, 2007, alleges the term "incompatible" governing the organic flame retardant salts is new matter, because the specification, as originally filed, fails to provide express support for the new terminology. Moreover, the Advisory Action dated August 9, 2007 states Applicants' declaration under 37 C.F.R. 1.132 did not place the application in condition for allowance because the declaration did not provide factual evidence, but merely provided inadequate opinion testimony. In view of the foregoing amendments, Applicants respectfully traverse the rejection.

The claims have been amended to delete this term, thereby rendering the rejection moot.

Instead, independent Claims 1, 16, and 19 have been amended in the manner discussed during the August 29, 2007 phone interview with the Examiner. The claims have been amended to define the organic flame retardant formulation by formula,  $[Y'(SO_2)_z]_n Y''(SO_3M)_w$ , and clearly distinguishes over the *Higgins* reference as well as the prior art cited to date. For example, *Higgins* discloses the use of alkylglyceryl ether sulfonates of the general formula,  $RO[CH_2CH(O)(CH_2SO_3M_y)]H$ . (*Higgins*, Col. 6, line 63 to Col. 7, line 15). *Higgins* does not

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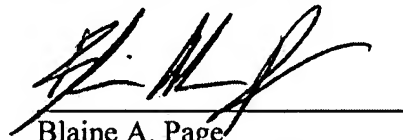
disclose compounding an organic flame retardant salt of the general formula claimed by Applicants.

In view of the foregoing, the claims are patentable over the art and immediate allowance is requested.

If there are any additional charges with respect to this Amendment or otherwise, please charge them to Deposit Account No. 50-3621.

Respectfully submitted,

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